ARIs in Kashmir Valley

184. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that no industry has been set up in Kashmir Valley during the last four years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would set up Agro and Rural Industries in the Valley?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) No, Sir. As far as rural industries are concerned it is not true. During the year 2001-2002 itself, 163 units have been set up in Kashmir Valley under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) to promote setting up of agro & rural industries in the Valley.

Employment generation by KVIC in NER

185. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has decided to generate new employment opportunities in the North Eastern Region during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Department for Development of North Eastern Region would make any matching grant/agree to a higher allocation for the rural employment generation scheme of the KVIC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Tenth Plan Period, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) proposes to generate two million additional employment opportunities under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) throughout the country. Of this, the targets for the States in the North Eastern Region including Sikkim are as under:

Sl. No.	State/Union Territories	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Total
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	167	178	190	202	215	952
2.	Assam	3065	3264	3476	3702	3943	17450
3.	Manipur	59	63	67	71	76	336
4.	Meghalaya	2032	2164	2305	2455	2615	11571
5.	Mizoram	228	243	259	276	294	1300
6.	Nagaland	3122	3325	3541	3771	4016	17775
7.	Tripura	748	797	849	904	963	4261
8.	Sikkim	136	145	154	164	175	774

(c) and (d) For implementation of KVI programmes in the North Eastern Region, the Government of India is making separate allocation to KVIC, which can be varied as per the mid-term appraisal of performance by each State.

Setting up of Nuclear Power Plants

186. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to set up a number of Nuclear Power Plants in different parts of the country, including one in Mandla District of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the Plants to be set up, indicating their locations, power generation capacity and the time schedule therefore; and